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Remote setting and updating method for prices in vending machine  
- involves implementing emulator program in machine control unit which  
receives information from central host computer to update price  
information and indicate sales promotion

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The method involves remotely setting and updating prices of goods and services. The local unit includes a system control unit connected via an interface with an electronic coin unit and/or an electronic control device in the local unit. The local unit is connected via a communication network with an operator-controlled, central host computer. The host computer controls and monitors a number of such local units which form part of a decentralized system for supplying the goods and services.

The host computer stores a data base which contains information on the local units, the goods and services offered together with their prices. The method involves implementing an emulator program in the system control unit for setting and updating prices of goods and services, and transferring data from the host computer to the system control unit. The emulator program then sets and/or updates the prices in the electronic coin unit which stores and validates the prices for the individual goods and services.

ADVANTAGE - Permits remote setting of prices thus providing maximum flexibility at lowest possible cost.

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